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**IDG's Playlist Announces the 2005 Playlist Plays of the Year**  
*26 iPod Products are recognized for Innovation and Usefulness*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, December 12, 2005 – IDG's Playlist, ([www.playlistmag.com](http://www.playlistmag.com)) the ultimate iPod guide online, has named the recipients of the first annual Plays of the Year Awards for 2005.

The 2005 Playlist Plays of the Year awards are prestigious distinctions given to the year's top hardware and software in the iPod and digital music markets. The awards are chosen by Playlist's editorial staff, who have looked at nearly every new iPod- and digital music-related product released between November 1, 2004 and November 1, 2005, evaluating each product's overall quality as well as its innovation, usefulness, design, and value.

"Playlist has become one of the foremost authorities on iPod and digital music products," said Dan Frakes, senior reviews editor for Playlist. "With our staff's expertise and breadth of knowledge, along with our hands-on experience using and testing most of the products on the market, we're in a unique position to recognize those products that truly stand out from the hundreds and hundreds released over the past year. The 26 recipients of our 2005 Plays of the Year awards, ranging in price from \$15 to \$1000, represent the types of products every vendor should aspire to produce."

*The 2005 Playlist Plays of the Year recipients are:*

**Apple iPod nano:** Best new iPod

**iHome Audio iH5:** Best Convergence Product

**Logitech mm50:** Best Portable iPod Speakers

**Logic 3 i-Station shuffle:** Best Portable Speakers for iPod shuffle

**Altec Lansing inMotion iM7:** Best "Transportable" iPod Speakers (two winners)

**Tivoli Audio iSongBook:** Best "Transportable" iPod Speakers (two winners)

**Klipsch iFi:** Best Home Speakers for the iPod

**Denon S-101/S-301:** Best iPod/Stereo Integration

**Belkin TuneStage:** Best iPod/Stereo Connection

**Sennheiser PX 100:** Best Budget (under \$100) Headphones (two winners)

**Ultimate Ears super.fi 3 Studio:** Best Budget (under \$100) Headphones (two winners)

**AKG K 26 P:** Best Headphones for Bass-heads (two winners)

**FutureSonics/XtremeMac FS1:** Best Headphones for Bass-heads (two winners)

**Shure E4c:** Best High-end iPod Headphones

**OtterBox for iPod:** Best "Ultimate Protection" iPod Case

**Power Support Crystal Film Set:** Best Way to Protect Your iPod nano/video from scratches

**DLO mini fm:** Best Accessory for iPod mini

**Harman Kardon Drive+Play:** Best iPod/Car Integration

**Kensington Digital FM Transmitter/Charger:** Best FM Transmitter for the Car

*Press Release: Playlist Editors Announce the 2005 Plays of the Year Winners*

**Griffin iTrip LCD** (remote-jack version): Best Compact FM Transmitter

**Senuti:** Best Way to Get Your Music From Your iPod to Your Computer (Mac)

**SharePod:** Best Way to Get Your Music From Your iPod to Your Computer (Windows)

**MediaRage:** Best iTunes Add-On (Mac)

**Anapod Explorer:** Best iTunes Add-On (Windows)

**HandBrake:** Best Way to Get Commercial DVDs onto your iPod (Mac)

**Podner:** Best Way to Get Your Own Movies onto Your iPod (Mac)

Playlist Plays of the Year Award winners were announced Friday, December 9, 2005 at PlaylistMag.com. (<http://playlistmag.com/features/2005/12/playsoftheyear05/index.php>)

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